

# Unimas introducing military studies next month

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Universiti Malaysia Sarawak will introduce military studies beginning next month, making it the first local university to offer the subject.

Apart from military strategies, the course will also comprise international relations, management and strategic planning.

Unimas Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Mohamad Zawawi Ismail said today the course would offer 12 credit hours to students.

"This course is not aimed at turning students into army officers but rather to inculcate a critical mindset to enable them, as future leaders, to compete with the rest of the world," he said.

"And what better way to achieve this than to expose them to military strategies and international relations.

"Today's military and industrial intelligence requires someone who is well-trained in the professional fields due to their

complexities."

He told reporters this after being made an Honorary Colonel by Defence Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar at his Ministry today.

This follows his appointment as commander of Unimas' Reserved Officers Training Unit on Feb 1.

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak's vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Abu Hassan Othman was made honorary colonel following his appointment as commander of the uni-

versity's ROTU on Feb 24.

Mohamad Zawawi said both Unimas and the army would provide the instructors for the course.

"The university will handle matters like international relations, management and strategic planning while the army will be responsible for handling aspects of military strategy," he said.

He added that the studies would be different from ROTU which has co-curricular activities for students.